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UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA FACULTY SENATE
Agenda for Meeting of October 25, 2004
3:15 P.M. Presidential Room Maucker Union

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the 10/11/04 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Call for Press Identification
2. Comments from Provost Podolefsky
3. Comments from Faculty Chair, Dan Power
4. Comments from Chair Bankston

CONSIDERATION OF CALENDAR ITEMS FOR DOCKETING

868/778 Annual Report of the Military Science Liaison
and Advisory Committee

NEW BUSINESS

Distribution of Faculty Senate with Ken Connelly, ITS
Systems and Operations Manager.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Faculty Development/Resources

CONSIDERATION OF DOCKETED ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA FACULTY SENATE

Calendar item 868

Docket Number _____

Title: Annual Report of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory
Committee

Standard Motions

- ____ 1. Place at head of docket, out of regular order.
- ____ 2. Docket in regular order.
- ____ 3. Docket because of special circumstances for _____
And notify sender(s).
- ____ 4. Refer to (standing committee) _____
- ____ 5. Refer to (administrative officer) _____
- ____ 6. Refer to (ad hoc committee) _____
- ____ 7. Return to petitioner with request for a more specific proposal.
- ____ 8. Return to petitioner with request for additional information and documentation.
- ____ 9. Return to petitioner because of decision not to docket at this time.
- ____ 10. Other procedural disposition _____

NOTES

Date: April 19, 2004
To: Dr. Melissa Heston, Chair
Faculty Senate
From: Prof. Robert Dise
MSLAC Committee Chair
Subject: Annual Report of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee

As chair of the Military Science Liaison and Advisory Committee (MSLAC), I am submitting the committee's annual report for academic year 2003-2004. This report is for the University Faculty Senate's information only. No special action is requested. The MSLAC met once each semester during 2003-2004. Its membership included Michael Walters, Assistant Professor of Biology; Catherine Palczewski, Professor of Communication Studies; Lynn Brant, Associate Professor of Earth Science; Jonathan Schwabe, Associate Professor of Music; Janet Drake, Associate Professor of Computer Science and myself, Robert Dise, Associate Professor of History. I was elected chair of the MSLAC in autumn 2003.

Under the continued leadership of LTC Robert Stavnes, the Department of Military Science has enjoyed a very successful year. It exceeded its commissioning goals, established a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, further developed the ROTC partnership program it recently established in Dubuque, and produced a number of cadets who received or were nominated for awards.

The Dubuque area ROTC program includes the University of Dubuque, Loras College, and Clark College. This year, the UNI Military Science faculty commuted to Dubuque two days a week to teach courses. In order to reduce the UNI Army ROTC Cadre's Dubuque commute in the future, to a single half-day each week, LTC Stavnes has hired two additional Army Lieutenant Colonels to assist in instruction in the Dubuque program.

Courses in the Military Science program at UNI and in Dubuque enroll 108 students: eighty-eight at UNI; the remaining twenty in Dubuque. Fifty-eight of these students are contracted to ROTC. During the 2003-2004 school year, cadets under contract to ROTC received \$223,684 in support from the Army: \$60,384 in scholarship funds, \$10,800 for books, and \$152,500 in stipends for living expenses. The Department of Military Science either has commissioned or expects to commission a total of seventeen second lieutenants this academic year, substantially exceeding the Army's goal for the UNI program of twelve lieutenants annually. The Army has indicated its confidence in the program's strength by increasing the program's commissioning goal in the future to fourteen officers.

The Department of Military Science also has worked actively with other UNI departments. It is currently involved in two interdepartmental projects. Dr. Robin Lund in the Wellness Lab is working with cadets on meeting the physical fitness and event performance standards demanded of them on the Army Physical Fitness Test, and Dr. Gasser's Industrial-Organization Graduate Program is developing a proposal for an organizational study of UNI Army ROTC and the ROTC program's potential for

expansion. In addition, LTC Stavnes has delivered guest lectures to three sections of Asst Professor Laura Praglin's Social Work class. Finally, LTC Stavnes and LTC Albrecht together with the Iowa National Guard are helping Professor Charles Johnson, Industrial Technology, to provide articulation of the AAS Degree into the Technology Management Major at UNI, in order to provide a pathway to a baccalaureate degree for students who wish to become managers in this and related fields.

UNI cadets have taken an active role in the community this year by establishing a Big Brother/Big Sister program in the Department. Currently five cadets are active big brothers or big sisters and ten other cadets have participated in various group activities with Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Two cadets have been recognized with military science awards. Cadet Stacy Lyon received the George C. Marshall Award. She also attended a national security seminar in Lexington, VA, in April. Cadet Mariah Schweitzer received the Governor's Cup, given annually by the governor to the top cadet in each of the state's ROTC departments.

One of the major responsibilities of MSLAC is to evaluate the teaching faculty of the Military Science Department. This year we evaluated LTC Robert Stavnes, LTC Ronald Albrecht, Major Paul McNamara, and Master Sergeant Peter Pease. LTC Stavnes' and Major McNamara's classrooms were both visited twice; Master Sergeant Pease's and LTC Albrecht's classrooms were each visited once. The evaluators were able to observe a variety of instructional situations, ranging from water survival to lectures on the evolution of national security policy. All four instructors received both high marks -- consistently fours or fives on a five-point scale -- and approving comments, for their encouragement of classroom engagement through the use, and constructive criticism, of student presentations. They also impressed evaluators with their flexibility in adapting their presentations of material to particular situations. The thorough, "no-nonsense" approach of the instructors to their material drew consistent praise from evaluators.

The results of student evaluations of the Military Science faculty were impressive. 70.6% of the students rated their instructors as "Highly Effective", 27.5% rated them as "Effective", and only 1.9% rated them as "Ineffective". Learning satisfaction ratings were nearly as high: 62.8% were "Highly Satisfied"; 35.3% were "Satisfied"; only 1.9% were "Dissatisfied".

To sum up: In the opinion of the MSLAC, the Department of Military Science remains a vital, successful, and effective teaching unit of the University. It participates in the University community, allows students to attend UNI through scholarship dollars, and meets the Army's goals for a successful ROTC unit.